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SUBJ: PROMINENT LABOR ATTORNEY AND ACADEMICIAN ASSASSINATED

1. PROMINENT LABOR ATTORNEY AND LAW PROFESSOR AT SAN CARLOS UNIVERSITY, LIC. MARIO LOPEZ LARRAVE, WAS ASSASSINATED AFTER-NOON OF JUNE 8 AS HE LEFT HIS DOWNTOWN LAW OFFICE IN GUATEMALA CITY BY APPROXIMATELY 5 MEN WAITING IN CAR OUTSIDE.

2. LOPEZ HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE GUATEMALAN LEFT. AS A LABOR ATTORNEY HE REPRESENTED SEVERAL OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LABOR GROUPS IN GUATEMALA, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST FEDERATION. HE HAS ALSO WORKED WITH THE YEAR-OLD NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF TRADE UNION UNITY. FOR PAST 20 YEARS HE HAS BEEN ON THE LAW FACULTY AT SAN CARLOS AND WAS DEAN OF THE LAW SCHOOL FROM 1970 TO 1974.

3. ALL GUATEMALAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN ASSASSINATION FRONT PAGE HEADLINES. REACTION FROM SAN CARLOS HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY STRONG. IN A PAID ADVERTISEMENT THE LAW
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SCHOOL DEMANDED THAT PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ARREST LOPEZ' MURDERERS WITHIN 24 HOURS OR BE CONSIDERED AN ACCOMPLICE TO THE MURDER. THE FACULTY SAID THAT THEY WOULD ALSO DENOUNCE THE MURDER BEFORE THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
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